

Widespread outbreak that is growing with many undetected cases. Take strong measures to limit all contact.

Other items will be discussed at this meeting as well – it is a regular meeting of the McKMAC.



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VACCINE ♦ PAGE 4


A pair of hands is shown holding a vision chart. The chart features the text "DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY" in a green banner at the top, a large black letter "A" in the center, and the words "EYE CARE" in a black box at the bottom. The hands are cupped around the chart, and the background is white.



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Business of the Year nominations open

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata is currently accepting 2021 Business of the Year Award nominations.

The city established the annual Business of the Year Award program to recognize local businesses and non-profits that exemplify the core values of innovation, resourcefulness, collaboration and practices that support the community and protect the environment.

Arcata businesses, nonprofits and members of the community are all invited to submit nominations for the 2021 Business of the Year Award, and all nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021.

To make a nomination, visit cityofarcata.org. In order to slow the spread of COVID-19, City Hall offices are currently closed to the public, and submissions will be accepted by email at jdart@cityofarcata.org or by mail to the Community Development Department, 736 F St., Arcata, CA 95521.

Applications may also be dropped off in-person, in a sealed envelope labeled “Community Development Department,” at the city’s drop boxes, located in the City Hall parking lot off of Seventh Street and next to the USPS mailbox outside City Hall at 736 F St.

The Economic Development Committee and members of City Council will review all 2021 Business of the Year Award nominations, and the winner will be presented at the Arcata Chamber of Commerce’s Virtual Mixer on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

For more information, visit cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-5955.



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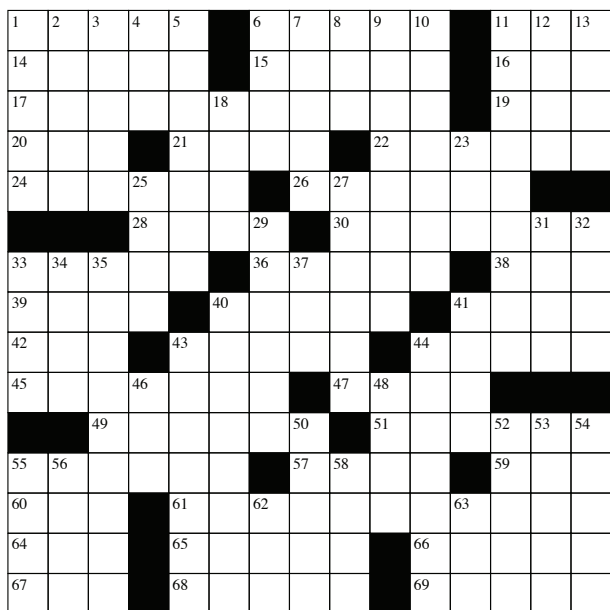
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1. Low-voiced singer
6. ___ Donna
11. One with D.V.M. following his name
14. Fluttering tree
15. Speeder's nemesis
16. Apple pie ___ mode
17. Defect
19. Presidential nickname
20. Suffix for sand or wind
21. Means of transportation
22. Watching
24. Organic compounds
26. "Wait 'Till the Sun Shines, ___"
28. Actress Bonet
30. Go in again
33. Rope with a noose
36. Transparent substance
38. Dander
39. In the past
40. Squeeze
41. Lima, for one
42. School in "The Big Apple": abbr.
43. Scottish clan chief
44. Chef's concern (we hope)
45. Lancelot's boy
47. Business transaction
49. Astronomical distance unit
51. Spacious homes
55. Rob & Laura ___ of "The Dick Van Dyke Show"
57. Metal bar
59. Underground discovery
60. Australian bird
61. Procedure against a mortgagor
64. Breather's need
65. Grand adjutor
66. Lay new grass
67. Joan of Arc, e.g.: abbr.

68. At ___; being risked
69. Crock-Pot meals, often

DOWN

1. Count ___
2. Hearth residue
3. Tennis or hockey
4. To be: Sp.
5. Toronto's location
6. Luth. or Meth.
7. Name for a niño
8. First name in tyrants
9. Like a baby lion
10. Some socks
11. Types
12. North Carolina college
13. Flavor
18. Use bad language
23. German article
25. In addition
27. Deleted
29. Skip ___; jump ahead in school
31. He was: Lat.
32. M. Descartes
33. Yearn
34. Novelist Seton
35. "Pieta" or "The Thinker"
37. Man's nickname
40. Away with gradually
41. Word with base or foot
43. Savings banks, for short
44. Suit alterers
46. Bern's river
48. Malicious
50. Body of water
52. ___ up; bungle
53. Pointer
54. Origins
55. Small vegetables
56. Give off
58. Square measure
62. Genetic matter
63. Become firm



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January Zero Waste webinars for business

ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – Zero Waste Humboldt's 2021 Zero Waste Business Training and Certification Program will start as a webinar series on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021. A third webinar will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 19 for businesses that want to earn Zero Waste certification. Those who register for the webinars before Jan. 1 will receive a discount.

ZWH has assembled a team of expert presenters who are among the Zero Waste thought leaders in the western U.S. Judith Silver, waste prevention and recycling manager for Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, Larry Kass, sustainable materials management specialist with Environmental Science Associates, and Tedd Ward, Del Norte solid waste management authority director, are featured presenters. Eddie Blakeslee, Los Bagels co-owner, and Maggie Gainer, Zero Waste Humboldt board president are among locals to present "how-to" implement Zero Waste methods.

Gregg Foster, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission executive director, will moderate the webinars.

In addition to the Zero Waste basic methods training, ZWH is introducing a localized Zero Waste certification program to be more relevant, more affordable and more convenient for Humboldt's small businesses and school districts to achieve Zero Waste standards. The national Zero Waste certification program is designed for larger companies and costs thousands of dollars.

Forty-five local businesses have attended Zero Waste Humboldt's training workshops to-date. Several of them have successfully applied the workshop templates for setting goals and tracking their waste reduction progress over time. "Measurement and monitoring is a hallmark of the Zero Waste method," Maggie Gainer explained. "We have learned how to integrate waste reduction goals into business operations without burdening small businesses."

These webinars and the certification offer several benefits for local businesses, including:

- Assistance to achieve cost savings from waste reduction.
- ZWH will publicly acknowledge and promote model Zero Waste businesses.
- Receive clear procedures and

templates to integrate Zero Waste into business operations.

• "Bragging Rights" by converting waste reduced to report a reduced impact on greenhouse gas emissions and global warming.

In response to many questions from businesses about waste reduction during COVID-19, these webinars will include helpful examples from other local businesses about how they are striving to avoid single use plastics and wasteful packaging.

The cost is \$50 for the series, and only \$40 if registration is received before Jan. 1. This cost includes three webinar presentations from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, 13 and 19. The first two are focused on practical Zero Waste methods and the third is specifically for businesses that want to obtain Zero Waste certification and is optional. A group discount is also offered for more than one from the same workplace.

Businesses and school districts that want to enroll in this training or receive technical assistance for certification, are urged to take advantage of the early registration discount before Jan. 1, at zerowastehumboldt.org and to email questions to contact@zerowastehumboldt.org.

Economy | Conservative budget forecasting pays off

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A mid-year budget review in late February or March will include refined estimates.

City Manager Karen Diemer estimated that all things considered, the budget would fall more or less in line with predictions.

The less-than-disastrous assessment of city finances stems in part from conservative forecasting and anticipatory budget cuts.

Newly minted Councilmember

Stacy Atkins-Salazar thanked city staff and the previous City Council for that, saying that their groundwork is "really helpful for where we're at right now." Mayor Sofia Pereira echoed that sentiment.

Eviction protection

The City Council adopted 90-day tenant eviction protections in March, which were later extended. These were overridden by state legislation protecting residential tenants on Aug. 31, though a revision in the works

could further extend the protection to Dec. 31 of next year.

The council subsequently extended temporary protections for commercial tenants until Feb. 1, 2021.

The council is likely to reconsider the matter in January and adapt Arcata's protections to whatever happens at the state level.

City Attorney Nancy Diamond said it's likely that the state's legislation will again pre-empt any local ordinances.

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BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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achievements and resiliency of our strong community throughout 2020. A new category is "COVID Resilient Business of the Year." Winners will be honored at the Chamber's March First Thursday Virtual Mixer on March 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Details and instructions are on the nomination ballot. Nominating ends Jan. 8, 2021. More details are available at arcatachamber.com.

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‘Winter Wishes’ gifts local children

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY – The HSU community chipped in again to provide holiday gifts for 124 local children in need.

Winter Wishes, a program coordinated by Forever Humboldt, organized 90 sponsors, including alumni, staff, faculty, students, athletic teams, student clubs and local community members.

Sponsors purchased more than \$12,000 worth of gifts for local children connected to seven different local nonprofit organizations.

“I was worried that we weren’t going to be able to run Winter Wishes this year or that the groups we support wouldn’t be able to accept gift-in-kind donations,” said Stephanie Lane, alumni outreach lead. “But, through careful planning and distancing, we were thrilled to find a way to make Winter Wishes happen. Donors were grateful to still have the opportunity to positively

impact the life of a local child for the holidays. This year it felt more meaningful than ever to support children in our local community.”


Presents were delivered to the local nonprofit organizations last week and will be distributed to the children at their various holiday celebrations.



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New traffic safety laws are coming into effect

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
SACRAMENTO — As 2020 comes to a close, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) wants to highlight some new roadway safety laws that take effect in 2021.

- License points for distracted driving (AB 47, Daly; 2019): Using a cell phone in a handheld manner while driving is currently punishable by a fine. Beginning July 1, 2021, violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver's record. This applies to the violations of talking or texting while driving (except for hands-free use) and to any use of these devices while driving by a person under 18 years of age.
- Unattended children in motor vehicles (AB 2717, Chau): Exempts a person from civil or criminal liability for trespassing or damaging a vehicle when rescuing a child who is 6 years old or younger and who is in immediate danger from heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or other dangerous circumstances. The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2021.
- “Move Over, Slow Down” amendments (AB 2285, Transportation Committee): Extends the provisions of the “Move Over, Slow Down” law currently in place on freeways to also apply to local streets and roads so drivers approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying emergency lights, including tow trucks and Caltrans vehicles, must now move to another lane when possible, or slow to a reasonable speed on all highways, not just freeways. The law is effective Jan. 1, 2021.
- Emergency vehicles (SB 909, Dodd): Allows authorized emergency vehicles to use a “Hi-Lo” warning sound. This distinctive sound, different than a siren, would be used to notify the public of an immediate need to evacuate an area in an emergency. The CHP is currently developing regulations to standardize the Hi-Lo warning sound statewide. Until the regulations are adopted, law enforcement agencies can use the Hi-Lo warning sound by obtaining a permit from the CHP. The law went into effect Sept. 29, 2020.

Get pally with friendly friends Jake and Cali

Week 40. Happy New Year! May 2021 bring us all some relief from the challenges of 2020. It's not just the shelter cats and dogs that could use a fresh start! Here are a couple of dogs that are already on their way to a new beginning and would be happy to share that with you.

Jake was brought to the shelter by Animal Control. He came from a crowded home with too many dogs. Several puppies came with him and went off to cattle dog rescue as they needed some TLC and a little time to get healthier before being ready for adoption. Jake stayed at the shelter where he was scared and uncertain in his new environment; it took him awhile to get comfortable. Once he decided that we were OK, he let down his guard and we have been able to see his charming side!

Jake is a very dog-social dog. He has gotten along well with every dog that he has met and he puts other dogs at ease. Jake knows some obedience commands and has shown a proclivity for agility-type exercises in the play yard. He is a nice medium size, maybe 45 pounds, and has the quickness and agility of a cattle dog. Food is not a big motivator for Jake, but he does love toys. He will chase anything that is thrown for him and likes to collect his toys in a corner of the yard, perhaps for safe-keeping till he needs them again later!

Jake is not a barker and has been very quiet in his kennel. He is very alert and is always waiting nicely at his gate when we come to walk him.

Jake is attentive and easy to walk; he would make a great adventure partner! We would love to see Jake in a home with another dog as he so enjoys their company and we know another dog would help him acclimate to a new home.

Jake is a young adult male, current on his vaccinations and in line to be neutered. The veterinary offices have been swamped lately and the wait for services has been a little longer than usual, but he will be seen soon. Please contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842 if you would like to meet Jake.

Cali and Jake are good friends! Cali was in a neighboring kennel and Jake helped her to feel more comfortable at the shelter by visiting and walking with her.

Cali appears to be some sort of hound mix, black with tan accents. She was quite shy at first, but thanks to help from Jake and volunteers, she has come out of her shell. She is also not particularly interested in treats but loves to be pet and will nudge you for more if you stop too soon! Cali is a very easy



DOG TOWN
Mara Segal



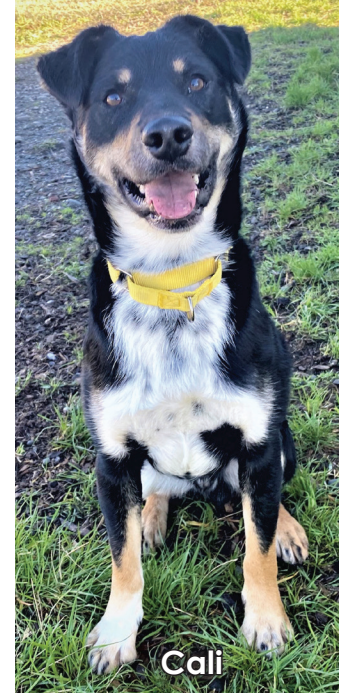
Jake

leash walker and likes to stay close to her person. She does love other dogs though and will suddenly surprise us with a flirty show of play bowing to the dogs she meets out on her walks!

She has also been known to get a bout of the zoomies in the play yard and dash around just for fun. So far Cali has just been curious about toys without any real interest in playing with them. Cali did well on the shelter's cat-friendliness test, indicating a likelihood that she could live with cats.

If you would like to meet Cali, please call the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment.

The shelter is open Monday through Friday on most weeks, though closed this Friday for New Year's Day.



Cali

COVID | Health authorities warn of risky holiday gatherings

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As of the end of Dec. 22, about 300 employees of Mad River Community Hospital had gotten their first doses of vaccine. St. Joseph Hospital expected to have 800 staff members vaccine-dosed by the end of that day and the Southern Humboldt Health Care District/Jerold Phelps Community Hospital had administered nearly 70 first doses.

The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines both work similarly, using synthesized messenger RNA or mRNA to get cells to produce coronavirus-like spike proteins. The immune system targets the spike proteins, priming it to respond again if coronavirus enters the body.

The emergence of vaccines is being described as a “light at the end of the tunnel” but pandemic darkness will prevail until sometime after this spring, when vaccines are expected to be generally available.

As in other places, the county is experiencing a record case rate spike. From Dec. 19 to Dec. 26, 197 new cases were confirmed, bringing the county's total to 1,584.

Three more COVID-19 deaths occurred

last week. The first was of an elderly resident of the Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in Eureka.

Last week's second death was of an elderly Humboldt resident who died while out of county and a third was of another elderly Granada resident, bringing the county's coronavirus death total to 18. There have been eight deaths related to the Granada facility's outbreak.

There were also three new hospitalizations and the total number was at 65 as of the end of last week.

The county isn't experiencing a maxing out of ICU capacity as other areas of the state are. Additional state-imposed restrictions kick in if a region's ICU bed availability falls below 15 percent but as of Dec. 26, the northern region's capacity was 33.9 percent and Humboldt's was 53.6 percent.

That could change quickly. The current surge was predicted after Thanksgiving and holidays like Christmas and New Year's Eve are magnets for the close contact indoor gatherings that spike the spread of COVID-19.

The recent ascent of infections prompt-

ed Michele Stephens, the county's public health director, “to highlight the significant and extraordinary amount of cases that we're getting lately, in the last several weeks” in a Dec. 21 video statement.

She said the case climb is “not Granada-driven” and “we think that the Thanksgiving holiday is really what we're starting to see in the rise in positive cases.”

Stephens implored residents “not to gather with loved ones that are outside of your household” during Christmas.

Acknowledging the painful but necessary impacts of social disconnection, she reflected on the experience of her own family.

“I have a seven-year-old who's doing distance learning – he misses his family, he misses his friends and he's got a mom that's working a lot,” she said, adding, “We all need to do our part as community members.” Stephens ended her statement by saying, “The worst present we can give to our family members right now is COVID-19.”

As 2021 begins, the county will find out how much the holiday season drives up the spread of disease.

MRCH | ‘Great step’

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nations in such a rapid and efficient manner. This is a great step in protecting our front-line firefighters who operate in a high-risk environment on a daily basis, as well as to our community on the long road to recovering from this devastating year. We are still a long way yet, and the best practices to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our local economy remain to wear a mask, maintain physical distancing, and wash hands.”

To date, MRCH was requested by HCPH to assist Arcata Fire District, Humboldt Bay Fire, Waterfront Rehabilitation Center, Mad River Ambulance, Eureka City Ambulance of Eureka, Hoopa Ambulance, Redwood Urgent Care Clinic, Cal Ore Life Flight, Fresenius Kidney Care (Eureka and McKinleyville locations), NCSAC/Crossroads, HSU Student Health, Humboldt Recovery Center, and Sempervirens.

For more information about how early doses of the vaccine will be allocated in California, please view the state guidelines at ow.ly/9OJl50CTBTL.

Mildly wronged motel lodger wreaks inordinate torment on errant guest

• **Tuesday, December 7:36 a.m.** A Mossberg .500 handgun is now in the grimy paws of someone willing to thief such a thing from a Heather Lane home.

12:52 p.m. When thunderous noon hour drums Made peaceable F Streeters glum To stave off a crackup They called cops for backup But then the percussers went mum

• **Wednesday, December 2 11:52 a.m.** The last thing a woman walking her dog near the transit center needed to see was some drunken slob in an orange shirt's seething and likely underutilized junk. Police arrested him.

3:04 p.m. Dubious door-to-door utility reps with a keen interest in residents' personal information were behind a flurry of concerned calls to police. One caring professional asked someone on Sunset Avenue to enter their info onto a tablet and got all aggro when turned down.

• **Thursday, December 3 6:15 a.m.** A drunken juvenile, possibly a runaway, showed up at an Anderson Lane front door at 3:30 a.m. reeking of alcohol. The resident took his phone and laptop computer away from the tipsy teen, who then locked himself in the bathroom.

1:42 p.m. Somewhere, a factory is cranking out maskholes fond of brandishing their potentially infectious faces in public places, but spewing statistically probable spores at responsible citizens who have to share the space. Take for

example the stupid-spreader positioned outside the Post Office, whose potentially spike protein-festooned emissions were borne to the four winds and your lungs on gusts of sour cigarette smoke exhaust.

1:52 p.m. The smoker-spreader got argy-bargy with people who were only trying to be responsible at Eighth and G streets.

3:53 p.m. An urban traveler with a speaker dangling from his backpack argued with Plaza passersby using the moral force of a “piece of metal” in his hands.

4:02-4:03 p.m. Now the urb-trav was out in the G Street roadway, swinging a machete at a newfound foe, alarming even battle-hardened townsfolk.

• **Friday, December 12:28 p.m.** A woman who had locked herself out of her Valley West motel room, so she said, chose not to get a replacement from the front desk. No, her problem-solving apparatus instead charted a course back into the room through a window. Clambering in, she tossed her backpack onto the bed. But just to vault the wacky misadventure into new realms of plot twistery, she'd busted into the *wrong room*, and the guy staying in it wasn't amused by her antics. So by way of dicky maneuvering and to torment her as a surrogate for everything else wrong with his semi-private hell of a life, he snabbed her knapsack up off the

bed and wouldn't give it back, that being the meanest available option.

2:23 p.m. A bank reported concerns about a man who was bringing his mom in to make cash withdrawals for him out of her account.

• **Saturday, December 5 9:20 p.m.** Another unseemly Valley West motel-broglio surfaced, its cast including a woman lodging there, a “sketchy” (her term) new boyfriend from Florida and a friend who'd been

instructed to call police if she didn't hear from her after a while. She didn't, and called police, but then apparently heard from the motel guest, ensconced there with Florida Man, and everyone lived happily ever after, for the time being.

5:24 p.m. *Duuuude...* pull your pants up, FFS. And stop pressing your unveiled torso into that G Street business's window without the garment properly configured.

• **Monday, December 7 9:17 a.m.** Nocturnal Forces of Grinch raided the studio of Arcata's principal all-weather magical-whirling fairy princess, stealing the computers required for proper enchantment allocation. The fairy lair has since been fortified with beefy locks.

10:39 a.m. A man walking up to a G Street ATM was approached by two sketchlings, one a behoodied and enbeanied fashion tragedy with a fanciful lion, or a drunken approximation of one, inked into his face. They asked him for his

sunglasses, but he notified them that the shades were prescription and unlikely to offer them quality viewing (subtext: *get off me*). Then at the ATM, one of them asked for his wallet. With matters trending poorly, the harassee went into the bank and the two needy urchins took their act elsewhere.

3:10 p.m. Someone at 16th and G streets noticed a bearded male approaching a boy and asking, “Are you the guy I'm supposed to meet?” This crept out the kid, who zoomed away on a bicycle as fast as he could. Meanwhile, the bearding waited around on the corner in apparent hopes of fulfilling the unwholesome assignation, only to be gone when police arrived.

9:34 – 10:53 p.m. Carrying a sleeping bag, a bottle o' booze and a crazy dream, a man argued with himself as he pounded on the door and rang the doorbell of a G Street home. His presence deemed less than dreamy or desirable, police

were called, came, and arrested him.

• **Tuesday, December 8 10:41 p.m.** Just when you thought you'd heard everything, a man stands in the Union Street roadway holding a bouquet of bags as he flashed a strobe light at passing cars. One driver had to swerve to avoid striking the twinkling dingbat.

• **Wednesday, December 9 8:26 a.m.** A mini-mountain of puke was piled in the little inter-neighborhood trail at Alliance Road and 17th Street, the sculptor nowhere to be found.

8:54 – 10:33 a.m. An agglomeration of no-account slumbabouts populated Veterans Park, one of them disrespectfully erecting his tent over the memorial rock.

11:05 a.m. Still another misguided maskhole chose the Post Office to parade his naked, disease-exuding face around, frothing up a 2020-flavored combo-argument/droplet-discharge jamboree with another patron.



HSU ends Univ Center role, takes over tasks

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
HUMBOLDT STATE
– After careful consideration, the California State University and Humboldt State University have decided to formally end the CSU’s operating agreement with University Center.

The decision was shared in a letter to the University Center Board of Directors Dec. 21.

All services provided by University Center will continue under the direction of HSU as of the close of business on Jan. 8, 2021. At this time, the functions of the University Center will transition to HSU under the oversight of the Division of Enrollment Management and the Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports Department.

In this transition, it is immediately important to prioritize continuity of dining services for students.

HSU is a member of a competitively bid cooperative agreement, and is utilizing that to enter into a short-term agreement for dining services with Chartwells Higher Education through June 2022. Chartwells is committed to working with University Center employees and local vendors, sustainable business practices, and evolving the dining program in alignment with CSU’s and HSU’s vision for the highest quality of services to HSU students.

The university is working to preserve a significant number of UC employees, and it is committed to retaining all student employees who desire to continue working.

Chartwells will offer positions to UC Dining employees conditional upon a background check. Associates will be offered compensation and benefits equal to or better than what they currently have. Chartwells will also look to honor existing partnerships with local vendors.

The university is focused on continuity of service and making this transition as easy and seamless as possible for employees and students.

Anticipated annual operational savings associated with the transfer of functions back to HSU will be directed to improved student services and student-serving facilities.

Numerous improvements directly impacting the student experience are planned for the spring semester and, especially, for the fall semester with the anticipated return to full in-person learning.

HSU has entered into a short-term agreement with Chartwells to ensure continuity of dining services through June 2022.

A vendor will be sought before then for a longer-term partnership to deliver dining services. Chartwells will offer positions to University Center dining employees and will honor existing partnerships with local vendors.

The HSU Bookstore will continue to be managed in partnership with Follett, with oversight from the Division of Enrollment Management.

There will be no changes or interruptions in services.

CenterArts and oversight of the University-owned student union

building will be moved to Enrollment Management.

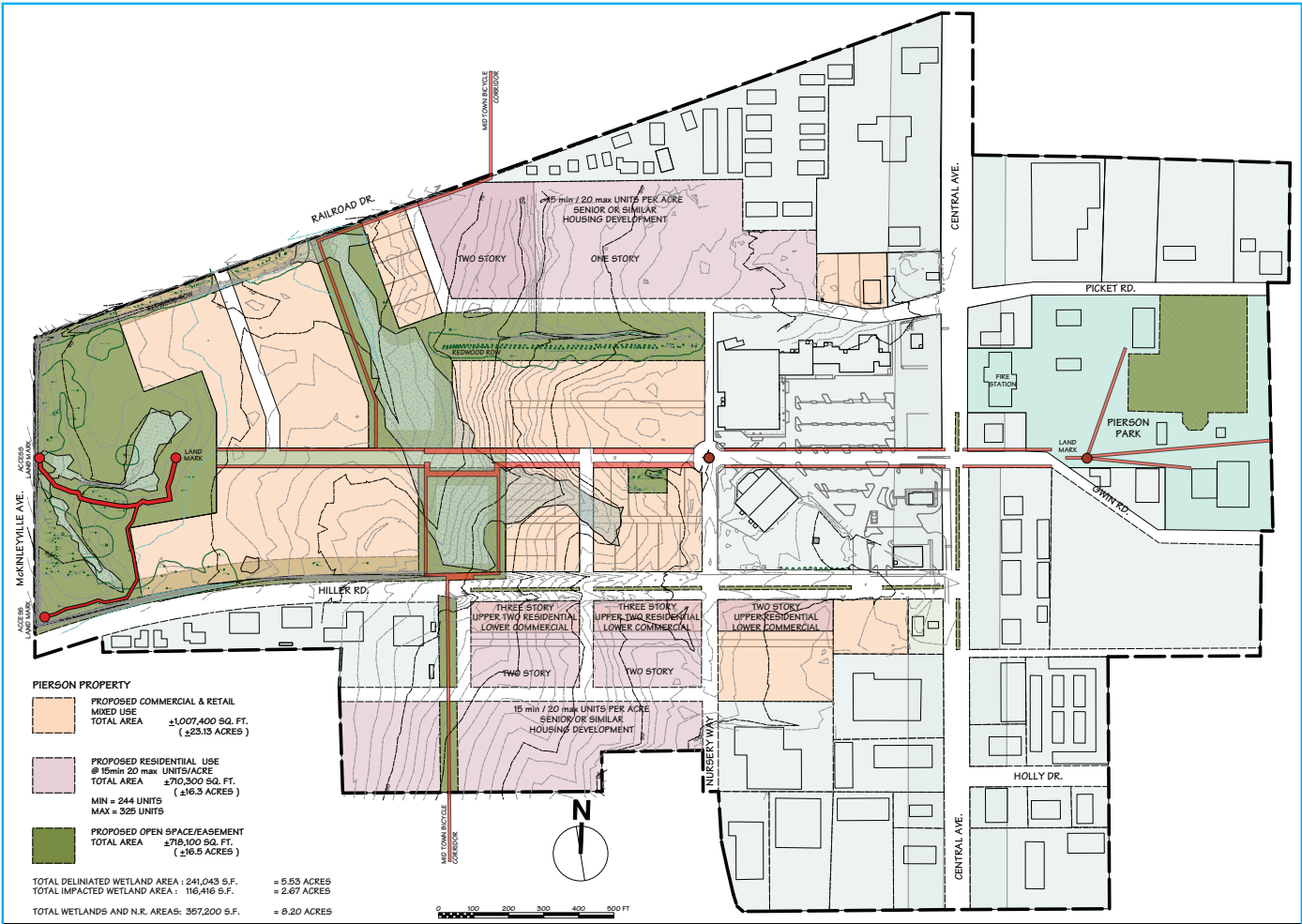
Priorities will include expanding campus programming and events, enhancing the quality and responsiveness of student services, and continuing to offer engaging community programming.

Center Activities and oversight of the Student Recreation Center, Humboldt Bay Aquatics Center and the Recreational & Wellness Center will be moved to Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports. These areas will benefit from enhanced offerings to students as well as enhanced operational efficiencies and compliance.

The letter to the University Center Board reiterates six serious breaches that CSU and HSU previously outlined in a letter to the University Center Board in September. It says that just two of these breaches were addressed in a satisfactory way, making it necessary to end the operating agreement with the University Center.

“The CSU has carefully weighed the options available to it and considered the longstanding relation-

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CONCEPTUAL DESIGN The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will review this conceptual design for the McKinleyville Town Center tonight, Dec. 30. DESIGN BY KASH BOODJEH ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Town Center | Property includes mix of various land uses

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lands and wetland buffer areas.

The largest open space area is shown on the property’s western boundary along McKinleyville Avenue. There’s also a swath of open space that cuts through the middle of the property, extending from Railroad Drive to Hiller Road.

The property would include 16.3 acres of residential property with 244

to 325 units. Undeveloped properties south of Hiller Road would include some three-story buildings with residential on the top floors and commercial on the bottom floors.

The area northwest of Safeway, roughly where McKinleyville Little League used to play, would include single story and two-story senior housing, or something similar, with 15 to 2 units per acre.

The property would have 23.13 acres of commercial/retail properties, including a large area due west of the World’s Largest Totem Pole. The committee will hear a presentation on the conceptual designs, but will not take any action on the matter. The committee will also discuss the timeline for the McKinleyville Town Center master plan and will discuss the next steps that need to be taken to complete the project.



Notice To Solid Waste Customers: No Treated Wood Waste Beginning January 1, 2021

Effective January 1, 2021, in response to expiring legislation, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will no longer allow the landfill disposal of treated wood waste (TWW). This means that transfer stations and rural container drop-off sites may no longer accept TWW for disposal.

Treated wood, or pressure-treated wood, has been treated with a chemical preservative to protect it from bugs, fungi and environmental conditions that can lead to decay. Wood fencing and decking are the most common treated wood waste materials generated by homeowners. Other examples of treated wood are creosote-treated lumber that is used for guardrail posts, railroad ties and pilings. Indicators that wood has been treated include:

- An ink stamp on the wood or an end tag; or
- Small, closely spaced cuts that resemble staple holes on the surface of the wood.

Surface-applied coatings such as paint, varnish and oil stain are not considered chemical preservatives. Painted wood will continue to be accepted at HWMA’s Hawthorne Street Transfer Station.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2021, treated wood waste must be managed as hazardous waste. Transfer station personnel will perform load checks and have been instructed by the State to reject any treated wood waste.

Humboldt Waste Management Authority’s (HWMA) Hazardous Waste Facility will accept TWW beginning January 2, 2021. Residential customers may bring up to 100 pounds per day. Sections must be less than 3 feet in length with nails, staples, screws and other fasteners removed whenever feasible to do so.

Small businesses are encouraged to call **HWMA at 441-2005** for information on volume restrictions and costs.



For more information, visit California’s DTSC’s website:
www.dtsc.ca.gov/toxics-in-products/treated-wood-waste-information-and-fact-sheets/

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Humboldt’s ‘Striking Structures’

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HUMBOLDT – “Striking Structures” will be presented by Jerry Rohde on Saturday, Jan. 2 at 2:30 p.m. as part of the Humboldt County Historical Society’s lecture series.

The lecture will be presented on Zoom and can be viewed from the safety and comfort of home on a personal computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

The deadline to sign up for access to the lecture is early due to the holiday at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Join local historian and amateur architectural evaluator Rohde for an hour-long tour of Humboldt County houses, bridges, theaters, and other high-quality buildings that qualify as “Striking Structures.”

Learn how a local theater was named for a heroine of



INTERESTING ARCHITECTURE Scotia Bank is among the striking structures that will be discussed during the Saturday lecture. SUBMITTED PHOTO

the so-called Modoc War. See how the reinforced concrete king of California crisscrossed the Van Duzen to modernize State Route 36.

Discover how the Heine- man brothers took flight on Eureka’s E Street by de-

signing an airplane bunga- low.

Those interested in the lecture can find more information at the library website *humlib.org* by clicking on the calendar of events and finding the event listed on Saturday, Jan. 2.

‘You’ve Been Heeled’ raises \$17K

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HUMBOLDT BAY
EUREKA – Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay has raised \$17,000 for scholarships and awards for local women and girls! You may have seen one of the many pink high heel signs left in lawns around Humboldt which was part of SIHB’s fundraiser – You’ve Been Heeled.

With the cancellation of their large annual fundraiser, High Heels for Healing, this past April due to COVID, SIHB rallied and kicked off the inaugural You’ve Been Heeled fundraiser in October.

The goal was to raise \$5,000 with six to 12 members spreading the “heeling” and joy by moving high heel lawn signs from one home or business to another.

Instead, SIHB ended up with 20 volunteers including Eureka High “S” Club! Thanks to the efforts of the SIHB members, friends of SIHB, the Eureka High “S” Club and the wonderful donor response, SIHB was able to surpass their goal of \$5,000 and ecstatically raised \$17,000! What a great start toward their goals in funding scholarships and awards especially during a year where many have fallen on stressful times.

Be on the lookout this spring as the You’ve Been Heeled lawn signs will make another appearance in conjunction with SIHB’s 14th annual High Heels for Healing fundraiser.

To be considered for a scholarship or award you must submit your application before the SIHB deadline. Several applications have already been received and they are anticipating more as the deadlines quickly approach.

For information on scholarship applications, awards and upcoming events please visit their website at *soroptimistofhumboldt-bay.com*.

Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay wants to send a special thank you to each individual donor and business partner who made this successful fundraiser possible, including: Ming Tree Realtors Four Star Realty; Sharon Redd, Coldwell Banker; Peggy Valadao, Carl Johnson Company; Advanced Security; Kramer Investment Corp; Key Real Estate Group, Victoria Copeland; Pacific Partners Real Estate; O&M Industries; Shafer’s Ace Hardware; Community Realty; Cocina Mariposa; Lima’s Pharmacy; American Security; Petrusha Law; Northcoast Lighting & Electric; Communication Cabling; McCrea Nissan; J&M Towing; Edward Jones Investment, Laura Middlemiss; State Farm, Lisa Fryrear; Belle Star Clothing; Mikki Moves Real Estate; Melinda Walsh, CPA; Dr. Hunt DDS; As You Like It Hair Studio; Living Styles; Jamie Corsetti, CPA; Land of Love-ly; The Spa at Personal Choice; and Mitchell Law Firm, Amy Hunt.



EUREKA NATURAL FOODS From left, Craig Calvin, McKinleyville store manager; Carly Robbins, Food For People development director; Anne Holcomb, Food For People executive director; Truman Felt, McKinleyville cashier who raised the most funds at \$501; and Stacey Wolfe, McKinleyville cashier who the third most amount at \$248. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Making a difference with Change 4 Change

EUREKA NATURAL FOODS
HUMBOLDT – ’Tis the season to spread cheer and joy! At Eureka Natural Foods that’s exactly what happened during their latest Change 4 Change with Food For People.

Within one week the community came together and raised \$5,000 to help eliminate hunger and improve the health of the community. This is the most amount that has been raised during a Change 4 Change.

Currently as the world spins, this means more to Eureka Natural Foods and Food for People than ever. It’s been a rough year, but now the light we all have been waiting for is coming.

Seeing the community raise this amount during a time of need for all, it is truly a cherished moment.

Eureka Natural Foods Change 4 Change program is a business to business partnership within the community to raise funds and awareness for the partners organization. It’s really all about the community coming together and doing what they can for these great non-profits or businesses. There’s always a need in the community and Eureka Natural Foods saw this need and just brought it too light. There’s no extra hassle at the checkout, just a simple yes or no question and your spare change of 25 cents or giving a little extra of \$5. It all makes a difference.

Meet Trinidad’s new librarian

Cinden Zuspan, who has worked with the Humboldt County Library for six years, is Trinidad Library’s new interim branch manager following the departure of Kristin Dalziel a few weeks ago.



Cinden came from the greater Los Angeles area to Humboldt 13 years ago. She received her BA from University of California at Riverside and her MLIS from San Jose State University. Her immediate family still lives in Southern California but she enjoys the company of her extended family in Humboldt.

Since the Trinidad Library is closed except for curbside service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Cinden has not been able to become acquainted with loyal library-goers yet, but when the signal comes to open up, she is eager to continue the normal story times, craft sessions, book club and other programs, perhaps to include armchair travel lectures and book readings by local authors.

Meantime, Cinden is working on some online programming for distance learning. She is eager to hear from Trinidadians on programs that would be of interest.

At home, Cinden’s favorite reading include fantasy, light science fiction and historical mysteries. She also is learning



THE MASKED LIBRARIAN Cinden Zuspan, New Interim Trinidad Library branch manager, masked and unmasked. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

about crocheting, canning jam, knitting, drawing, woodblock printing and origami.

She’s found books on these subjects on the library shelves and is eager to expand her crafting projects.

Cinden said that “Living here in Humboldt and working in the library has been a lifelong dream, and the opportunity to work in beautiful Trinidad is icing on the cake.”

To contact Trinidad Library, call (707) 677-0227. Cinden also can be reached at the Eureka Branch Library (707) 269-1933.

When you meet her bringing your book selection out to the little stool in front of the library, be sure to welcome her to Trinidad and tell her you look forward to meeting her without her mask in 2021.

Happy 2021!

WILDLIFE REFUGE Redwood Region Audubon Society invites you to an online presentation on Friday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m., titled “Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge: Old and New.” Learn more as retired Refuge Manager Eric Nelson and current Refuge Manager Cashell Villa discuss the history of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Visit *rras.org* to obtain the Zoom presentation link.

ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT

2021 Business Training & Zero Waste Certification Webinars

Webinar 1	Tuesday, January 12	2-3:30PM Basics of the Zero Waste Method
Webinar 2	Wednesday, January 13	2-3:30PM Laws, Resources, COVID19
Webinar 3	Tuesday, January 19	2-3:30PM How to Achieve ZW Certification

These webinars are designed for Humboldt businesses, schools, and contractors joining the ZWN consulting team.

Benefits to participants

- ✓ Cost savings from waste reduction
- ✓ ZWH public acknowledgement and promotion of successful Zero Waste businesses
- ✓ Checklist, worksheets, templates, and follow-up technical assistance to adopt ZW methods
- ✓ “Bragging Rights” by calculating reduced greenhouse gas emissions from waste reduction

Presenters

Larry Kass
Sustainable Materials Mgt. Specialist,
Environmental Science Associates

Judith Silver
Waste Prevention & Recycling Mgr.
Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority

Eddie Blakeslee
Co-Owner, Los Angeles

Maggie Gainer
Zero Waste Humboldt,
Board President

To Register

<https://zerowastehumboldt.org/webinars>

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF ARCATA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 from the Executive Department of the State of California and the Humboldt County Public Health Officer’s March 19, 2020, Shelter-in-Place Order, the City Council meeting location will not be physically open to the public and City Councilmem-

bers will be teleconferencing into the meeting via Zoom Video Communications. How to Observe the Meeting: To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can observe the meeting on television on Access Humboldt Channel 10, by visiting www.cityofarcata.org and clicking on the See Live Meetings, Agendas, and Archives button on the home page, or on the City’s YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJYG-p9zDPdWMGtA0BtFFX_A. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

(CARES) Act provides extra Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding specifically targeted to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The State Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) program has published a “Notice of Funding Availability” (NOFA), and eligible cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG-CV2 and CV3 funds under the NOFA. The City is eligible to apply for a maximum of three (3) activities for a total allocation of up to \$537,312. The Public Hearing is being

held to discuss possible applications for funding under the CDBG-CV2 and CV3 program, and to solicit citizen input on possible activities to be included in the application. Eligible activities under the COVID-CV2 and CV3 NOFA consist of: A. Community Development 1. Public Services to respond to COVID-19 impacts, including short-term subsistence payments for households at risk of eviction and/or homelessness and housing costs for those exiting homelessness, homeless shelter operations, and health and education support services 2. Public Facility and Infra-

structure improvements with a documented COVID-19 nexus 3. Public facility acquisition, including healthcare facilities, emergency shelters, and housing for persons experiencing homelessness in response to COVID-19 impacts 4. Housing Assistance a. Acquisition and/or rehabilitation of Low-Mod Income Housing in response to COVID-19 impacts on vulnerable populations or individuals including households experiencing homelessness B. Economic Development with a focus on job retention 1. Business assistance to help businesses retain employees, or in the case of businesses

re-starting after mandated COVID-19 related shut-downs, adding employees 2. Microenterprise assistance (including Micro-financial assistance and Technical assistance) for businesses impacted by COVID-19 with five or fewer employees, including the business owner Eligible activities paid for with state CDBG-CV2 and CV3 funds must meet one or more of the following National Objectives: Benefit to Low-to-Moderate-Income individuals or households, or Meeting Urgent Need. The City anticipates submitting an application under the

NOFA published prior to the February 12, 2021 deadline. The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the City should apply for under the State CDBG-CV2 and CV3 program. A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve the application prior to submittal to the State. If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact the City Clerk at bdory@cityofarcata.org or by calling (707) 822-5953. The City Clerk will use their best efforts to provide

reasonable accommodations to provide as much accessibility as possible while maintaining public safety. You may direct written comments to the City of Arcata, at 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521, or by e-mail to Jennifer Dart at jdart@cityofarcata.org or by calling (707) 825-2112. The City promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low and moderate income households without regard of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.



SHOPPING WITH BOB Bob Doran was out shopping on Christmas Eve when he happened upon a film crew including David Ferney from the Arcata Playhouse and Eric capturing the scene outside Arcata's Art Center. Gregg Moore powered a safely masked Sousaphone with Megumi Kallen on trombone playing an X tune from *SantaMonium* by Bandemonium, which was on sale inside. Right, the Art Center's Lush Newton and Malia Penhall.



TREE TRIPPERS Arcata's Forest Management Committee took a field trip to the Greenwood Heights part of the Jacoby Creek Forest on Dec. 22. This 40-acre parcel was donated by Cherry Kline Laforge in 2016. Environmental Services Director Mark Andre called it "an outstanding charitable gift and legacy for the community." Right, member Jack Naylor with city forest worker Mike McDowell. Naylor, appointed to the FMC in 1981, is the longest-serving committee or commission member in the history of the City of Arcata. PHOTOS VIA MARK ANDRE | CITY OF ARCATA



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Center | Letter cites broken trust, liability exposure

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ship between the UC, HSU, and the CSU," the letter states. "HSU has entrusted the UC to provide critical functions to the HSU community and its students, including dining, recreation and wellness services, and performing arts. The CSU regrets its conclusion that the requisite trust necessary between campus and auxiliary has been irreparably broken through the UC's breaches of

the Operating Agreement, failure to cure, and failure to perform. These recent breaches also do not appear to be isolated incidents of mismanagement within the UC. The UC continues to suffer from a number of operational deficiencies that expose the UC, and by extension HSU, to potential liability. These gaps include control issues that have been raised with the UC in prior audits, yet remained unaddressed."

The letter also makes clear that CSU and HSU made the decision with reluctance, and that the University Center's work over many years was appreciated. "We extend our deep and sincere gratitude to the University Center administrators, staff, student employees, vendors, and partners for their years of service, commitment, and dedication to the campus community and beyond."



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MCKINLEYVILLE BMX TRACK The McKinleyville Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public input on a proposed BMX track and park on property near School

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Road and Washington Avenue in McKinleyville. On Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m., a meeting will be held to discuss a playground at the proposed park. The Zoom meeting ID is 960 5665 1993. On Monday, Jan. 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., a meeting will be held to discuss park landscaping and beautification. The Zoom meeting ID is 954 0033 3916. On Saturday, Feb. 6, a meeting will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on safety and accessibility. The meeting ID is 957 2895 5403.

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